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PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 9062.0456-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Michel GARRAIT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1625  
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Application No.: 09/350,152 ) Examiner: T. Oh  
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Filed: July 9, 1999 )  
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For: PROCESS FOR THE )  
PREPARATION OF )  
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC )  
ACID )  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
  
Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, the period for reply having been extended by the petition and fee filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.